LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

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LAST WEEK

MEMORIAL DAY RECESS – The House and Senate was in recess last week.

LEGISLATION OF NOTE

The following Bills of significance to NRCS and conservation have been introduced:

Bill	Sponsor	Purpose
S. 1097	Feinstein, CA	To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement
		the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

THIS WEEK

METHYL BROMIDE HEARING - The Energy and Air Quality Subcommittee (Chairman Burton, TX) of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on the progress of efforts to develop alternatives to methyl bromide, a fumigant used to control pests in crops, forests, ornamental nurseries and wood products. Under the Montreal Protocol of 1991, methyl bromide was set to phase out of use by 2005

June 3 2:00 p.m. 2322 Rayburn Building

FARM BILL IMPLEMENTATION HEARING - The House Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Development and Research (Chairman Lucas, OK) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 4, to review conservation technical assistance and the implementation of the Conservation title of the 2002 Farm Bill. Deputy Secretary James Moseley, is scheduled to be a witness.

June 4 10:00 a.m. 366 Dirksen Building

TRIBAL FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FULL

COMMITTEE HEARING – The Senate Indian Affairs Committee (Chairman Campbell, CO) will hold hearings on tribal fish and wildlife management programs and the impact of programs in the Pacific Northwest.

June 310:00 a.m.485 Russell BuildingJune 42:00 p.m.485 Russell Building

CARBON SEQESTRATION FIELD HEARING – The Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Science and Technology (Chairman Brownback, KS) will hold a field hearing on ways to permanently store carbon dioxide. The hearing will be held at the Kansas State University Alumni Center.

June 6 3 p.m. Manhattan, Kansas

LOOKING AHEAD

RESOURCES LAND BILLS MARKUP - The House Resources Committee (Chairman Pombo, CA) will mark up pending bills that deal with issues of developing comprehensive water strategies, the settlement of water rights claims, bridge construction adjacent to Folsom Dam, and to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992.

Date TBA Time TBA 1334 Longworth Building

QUALITY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS AND AID OVERSIGHT HEARING – The Government Efficiency and Financial Management Subcommittee (Chairman Platts, PA) of the House Government Reform Committee will hold an oversight hearing titled "Fixing the Financials – Featuring United States Department of Agriculture, Department of Education and U.S. Agency for International Development."

Date TBA Time TBA 2154 Rayburn Building

WESTERN WATER ISSUES OVERSIGHT HEARING – The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Chairman Domenici, NM) will hold an oversight hearing on the Interior Department programs that address western water issues. This hearing was originally scheduled for May 6.

Date TBA Time TBA 366 Dirksen Building

EPA GRANTS MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING - The Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Duncan, TN) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled "EPA Grants Management: Persistent Problems and Proposed Solutions." This hearing was originally scheduled for April 8.

Date TBA Time TBA 2167 Rayburn Building